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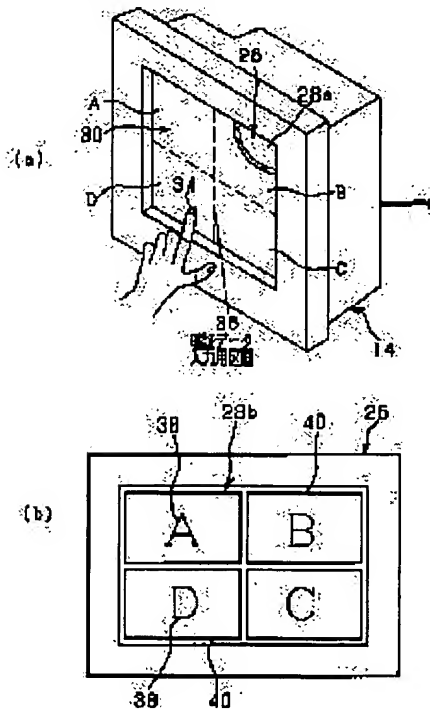
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(54) DATA INPUT METHOD



(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To eliminate the need for a fixed-form password data input picture and to store and reproduce password data more securely and speedily by specifying the password data by touch operation done by making an indication on a touch panel according to a previously set procedure.

SOLUTION: When the setting of the password data is selected, the password data are inputted by dividing the whole picture 28 into multiple pictures 36 for password data input and using as the password data individual pieces of touch information on the order, frequency, or time of touches on the pictures for password data input or a combination of pieces of touch information.

When the touch order of four password data input pictures A to D is selected as the password data, a picture 28b for password data setting is displayed with characters 38 or section lines 40 clarifying

an input section for the password data. Here, the sections A to D are pressed each once to set a password code.

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